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- Aside from the university student groups, there is a definite youth movement in Korea. The activity seems to be activated along the Nazi pattern. Although the movement is found among university students, it is by no means limited to students but is widespread through Korea. Its leaders are of the adult level.
 - the leaders are sufficiently well organized to have made Syngman Rhee give ground, at least in some minor matters, to this movement in order to gain their support in the election.
 - Other than this movement just mentioned, the normal student governments in Korea are not organized as they are in the US. For example, there is no National Student Association. However, the student groups that do exist are recognized and encouraged by the Ministry of Education. Also, one finds the YMCA and the Buddhist Student Union movements at the universities.
 - Of course overt Communistic groups in the schools are unthinkable, nor have we been aware of any consequential or definite underground communistic movements among the students.

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